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CORONA - Suppliers' Mtg. (from a tape found in an OSA safe) 9/19/63

Ledford to Murphy on W. Coast
Giving Dr. Wheelon's instructions on position to take at Suppliers' Meeting of 9/19/63 which was considering an "Improvement Program"

General Philosophy: (1) We look upon this improvement program as one that does not actually solve our problem. It increases peak performance but does nothing to spread the probability of obtaining peak performance the greater percentage of the time.
(2) We feel that the degradation caused by the list of items suggested at the present does not contribute a significant [redacted] area)percentage of the over-all performance.
(3) Therefore we feel that the money could be used better in another direction, for example it might be used on the -2.
(4) We also feel that the addition of numerous improvements such as is proposed could possibly degrade the system reliability by introducing additional [redacted] areas that could malfunction.

We think the recommendations of the Panel (program for improvement and concentration on the--2 (dash-2)) are inconsistent with each other. Get our vote into the meeting

STAT [redacted] is coming out for a briefing and he will give you our viewpoint.

Murphy: Appreciate your response to my request.

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NRO review(s) completed.